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## GPS FACT SHEET

### GPS CAN:

- Allow officers to review offender movement patterns for unusual activity
- Determine offender location in almost real time
- Alert authorities when specific activities do or do not occur in almost real time
- Verify the offender is abiding by curfews, reporting for work and attending treatment
- Show an offender was present at a particular criminal event

### SOME GPS LIMITATIONS:

- Cannot stop an offender from committing a crime
- Cannot see what the offender is doing. It only shows the offender's location.
- Depends on offenders following procedure (carrying properly, charging unit on time, etc.)
- If the offender removes the bracelet, an alert is triggered, but all it shows is where the offender was when he/she cut it.
- Cellular dead zones can affect the transmission of tracking data.
- Cannot track in all areas (i.e., the effect of an "urban canyon" or inside some buildings)

GPS data collected on offenders in Tennessee is tracked 24 hours a day, seven days a week from a central monitoring center in Nashville. Based on data received, officers may be called out to respond at any time.